

MEETING MINUTES
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
July 12, 2018

These minutes were
approved by the Board on
October 11, 2018

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Jill Colegrove, Chair, at 9:06 a.m., in Lower Level Room A, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Christine Chasek, Member
Lori Cleveland, Vice-Chair
Jill Colegrove, Chair
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary
Ian Lemmer, Member
Natasha Robinson, Member
Marlene Schneider, Member

Member Absent:

Jody Gilfillan, Member

Staff Present:

Kris Chiles, Licensure Unit
Nancy Herdman, Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Carla Cue, Investigations
Mark Meyerson, Investigations

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Schneider, to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Lemmer, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4-12-18)

Cleveland reported there was a correction to the minutes on page 2 as she abstained on the motion regarding Cami Sazama.

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Colegrove, to approve the minutes of 4-12-18 as corrected. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Lemmer, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan (1). Motion carried.

**4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION -
CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Schneider, to enter into closed session at 9:11 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Colegrove repeated the motion purpose. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Lemmer, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan (1). Motion carried.

9:55 a.m.	-	Robinson departed meeting (conflict)
9:59 a.m.	-	Meyerson departed meeting
10:03 a.m.	-	Robinson entered meeting
10:05 a.m.	-	Colegrove departed meeting (conflict)
10:11 a.m.	-	Colegrove entered meeting
10:20 a.m.	-	Cue departed meeting

10:23 a.m. - Herdman departed meeting
10:27 a.m. - Herdman entered meeting

MOTION: Schneider moved, seconded by Cleveland, to return to open session at 10:27 a.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Lemmer, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: (0). Absent: Gilfillan (1). Motion carried.

10:30 a.m. - Lemmer departed meeting

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT – OPEN SESSION

a. Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

Convictions:

Nicole Bittner – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Robinson moved, seconded by Schneider, to recommend issuance of the PLADC with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Robinson, Schneider (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Lemmer (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Rachel Denney – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Robinson, to recommend issuance of the PLADC with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Robinson, Schneider (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Lemmer (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Chiles stated that while the Board recommended issuance of Denney's license based on conviction review, Denney still had an education deficiency that must be met before a license could be issued.

Request for 2nd PLADC:

Christy Neiman – 2nd PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Schneider, to recommend issuance of a second PLADC. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Robinson, Schneider (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Lemmer (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

10:34 a.m. - Break
10:45 a.m. - Meeting resumed

6. UPDATES/REPORTS

• Justice Behavioral Health Committee

Colegrove reported she had attended the last meeting and stated some of the priorities were opioids, medication-assisted treatment, and data integration. There was also a presentation on medication-assisted treatment.

10:48 a.m. - Schneider departed meeting

• 2018 Legislative Session

LB 299 – This bill creates another level for reviewing regulations (effective 2019). It also allows an individual to petition a Board to review their criminal history prior to making application for a license to find out if their convictions would disqualify them from getting a license (effective 7/2018). Chiles commented there would be a \$100 fee and an application process. Any decision made is a Board decision.

LB 1034 – Becomes effective 7-19-18. The bill included:

- Creates a path for LADC reciprocity when the applicant does not qualify for IC&RC reciprocity. The requirements are: holds a license or certification that is current in another jurisdiction, has at least 270 hours of alcohol and drug education, has at least 3 years of full-time alcohol and drug

counseling practice, and passed an alcohol and drug counseling examination.

- Creates a single license for mental health and substance use treatment facilities (combines the separate facility licenses into 1 license). Facilities can choose to offer either service or both under the single license.
- Eliminates the licensing of outpatient treatment centers.

10:51 a.m. - Schneider entered meeting

- **IC&RC**

At the last meeting the Board had discussed a remediation plan for those who failed the written examination four or more times. It was discussed that the Board delegate to the IC&RC meeting would talk with other IC&RC boards to see what they would be doing for examination remediation. Robinson indicated she would like to be the IC&RC delegate.

MOTION: Robinson moved, seconded by Schneider, to approve funding for Robinson to attend the IC&RC meeting in October where Robinson will gather information from other IC&RC boards regarding examination remediation. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Johnson, Robinson, Schneider (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Lemmer (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

- **Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Action Report, License Statistics, Examination Statistics & Administrative Fees**

Chiles circulated the Disciplinary Report for the period beginning January 2018:

Examinations since January 1, 2018: 23 pass, 3 fail

Statistics:

LADC – 732
PLADC – 400

Chiles reminded the Board that LADC licenses expire 9-1-18 and the renewal postcards had been mailed to licensees. She commented that staff process on-line renewals the next day after receipt.

Chiles provided a handout which highlighted online services offered by the Licensure Unit and the web address for each.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tomeka Johnson, Secretary
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Recorded by: Nancy Herdman
Health Licensing Coordinator - Licensure Unit